PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ín re Application of:

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For:

NETWORK MANAGEMENT METHOD AND TOOL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 19, 2006

Sir:

Upon the filing of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2006, the period for response having been extended to December 19, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.